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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF BHOPAL DISASTER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the Fact Finding Mission study on the environmental impact of the Bhopal disaster;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Fact Finding Mission on Bhopal had published their report `Surviving Bhopal Toxic Present -Toxic Future` on human and environmental contamination around the Bhopal disaster site. As per the study, all media , soil, ground water, vegetables , breast milk were found contaminated by heavy metals and pesticides to various degrees.

(c) The Government has asked M/s Engineers India Limited to prepare a plan for removal of toxic wastes lying in and around the former Union Carbide Plant. It has submitted a technical proposal for the work.